

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 14, 2006 and in response to an Examiner Interview conducted on February 15, 2007. Claims 7-13 and 15 were pending in the application, and the Examiner rejected all claims. The Examiner also objected to claim 15 based on an informality. With this amendment, claims 7-10, 12-13 and 15 are amended, claims 25-36 have been added, and the remaining claims are unchanged in the application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 15 because it depended from claim 14 which had been canceled. The claim has now been amended to depend from claim 7. Therefore, the claim is now in proper form.

On pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 7-13, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watkins et al. (US 2004/2204953) and further in view of Lo (US Patent No. 5,758,347). Applicant respectfully reverses the Examiner's rejection. Independent claim 7 is directed to a method on a computer readable medium that includes the creation of a compacted resource file which includes "reading a control file, wherein the control file specifies a compacted resource file and a plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the compacted resource file, the plurality of resource files being language dependent resource files of a same language and being used by a plurality of different applications...and storing the compacted resource file header with the compacted resource file for access by the plurality of different applications." The claim also includes specifically generating the headers in the ultimate compacted resource file for the plurality of language dependent resource files that are used by a plurality of different applications.

This is simply neither taught nor suggested by the references cited by the Examiner. The Examiner asserted that these limitations are met by FIG. 3 of Watkins, but that figure shows the opposite. FIG. 3 (and the related text) of Watkins does show resources of a same language grouped into same parts of a resource file, but they all specifically correspond to one application. This is different from independent claim 7 and does not even fairly suggest independent claim 7. Watkins cannot teach or suggest a plurality of different language dependent

resource files of a same language and usable by a plurality of different applications, in a single compacted resource file.

Lo does not remedy this deficiency. Instead, Lo is simply drawn to using a storage manager to manage data in different, layered, configurations. It does not teach or suggest storing a plurality of different language dependent resource files of a same language, used by a plurality of different applications, in a single compacted resource file.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 7 is allowable over the references cited by the Examiner. Applicant thus submits that dependent claims 8-13 and 15, are allowable by their virtue of their dependence on allowable claim 7.

Independent claim 25 is drawn to a method for creating a compacted resource file and also includes reading a control file and a plurality of resource files, then the various steps of creating the compacted resource file, and finally “storing the compacted resource file header with the compacted resource file for access by the plurality of different applications.” This is simply neither taught nor suggested by the references cited by the Examiner. Because Watkins does not teach or suggest that the compacted resource file contains resource files for a plurality of different applications, and that the compacted resource file is accessed by the plurality of different applications, it cannot teach or suggest independent claim 25. Therefore, dependent claims 26-32 are allowable as well, by virtue of their dependence on independent claim 25.

Independent claim 33 is drawn to a system for creating a compacted resource file. The system includes a resource tool that is configured to read a control file that specifies a compacted resource file and a plurality of resource files that are to be compacted into the compacted resource files. The plurality of resource files are language dependent and are used by a plurality of different applications. The resource tool in claim 33 also reads header and resource information, creates a compacted resource file header, and “store[s] the compacted resource file header with the corresponding compacted resource file for access by the plurality of different applications.” Since the prior art of record specifically fails to teach that the compacted resource file is created in this way, and that it is used or accessed by a plurality of different applications, the prior art of record cannot teach the system set out in independent claim 33. Therefore,

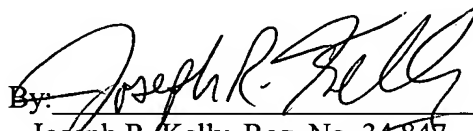
Applicant submits that independent claim 33 is allowable. Applicant further submits that dependent claims 34-36, which depend from independent claim 33, are allowable as well.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that independent claims 7, 25, and 33 are allowable. Dependent claims 8-13, 15, 26-32 and 34-36, which depend from the independent claims, are allowable as well. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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